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1. A GROUP OF BRAZILAIN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WHO RECENTLY EXITED FROM PRC HAVE TOLD CONGENOFF THAT THEY WITNESSED DEMONSTRATIONS IN NANKING MARCH 30-APRIL1 HONORING MEMORY OF CHOU EN-LAI. LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WERE OBSERVED IN MAIN SQUARE AND AT SUN YAT-SEN MAUSOLEUM BEARING WREATHS WITH PICTURES OF CHOU, MANY IN ORGANIZED GROUPS MARCHING IN FORMATION. WALLPOSTERS WERE ALSO OBSERVED IN CITY SQUARE WHERE CROWS IMPEDED TRAFFIC CIRCULATION. BRAZILIANS WHO DO NOT READ CHINESEN WERE TOLD BY NERVOUS CTS GUIDE THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE IN OPPOSITION TO RIGHTISTS, BUT THEY DID NOT BELIEVE HIM.

2. BRAZILIANS ALSO VISITED MOTOR VEHICLE FACTORY IN NANKING WHERE MANY WORKERS WERE PREPARING CHOU MEMORIAL

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WREATHS. THEY REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT RAILROAD STATION WAS

QUIET ON BOTH MARCH 30 AND APRIL 1. LIKEWISE, NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN SHANGHAI OR CANTON DURING FOLLOWING FEW DAYS.

3. COMMENT: BRAZILAINS' OBSERVATIONS CONFIRM REPORT (REFTEL) THAT NANKING WAS SCENE OF PRO-CHOU (AND, BY EXTENSION, ANTI-CAMPAIGN) ACTIVITIES DURING DAYS BEFORE TIEN AN MEN RIOTS. THEY ALSO REINFORCE IMPRESSION THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WERE WELL ORGANIZED AND APPROVED BY LOCAL LEADERSHIP.

4. ACCORDING TO AN APRIL 8 BROADCAST, KIANGSU FIRST SECRETARY PENG CHUNG PRESIDED OVER A PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP MEETING APRIL 7 WHICH "STUDIED" THE CENTRAL RESOLUTIONS PROMOTING HUA KUO-FENG AND REMOVING TENG HSIAO-PING. PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED THEIR FRIM SUPPORT FOR THE PEKING DECISIONS. THUS KIANGSU'S LEADERS, HAVING BEEN CAUGHT ON THE WRONG SIDE DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, ARE NOW JOINING OTHERS IN DEMONSTRATING THEIR LOYALTY TO THE NEW, IF TEMPORARY, CONSENSUS POSITION IN PEKING.
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